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Conyers Commends Federal Court Decision Striking Down Military Tribunals

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee issued the following statement regarding today's ruling by the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia regarding the constitutionality of military reviews being conducted by the Pentagon on the detainees at Guantanamo Bay:

"Unfortunately, it's virtually impossible to exaggerate the Bush Administration's ability to come up with new ways of abusing basic constitutional rights. Time and again, the courts have had to block it from holding detainees indefinitely, denying them access to lawyers, and even requiring detainees to disprove evidence they haven't even seen. It's almost as if President Bush used Kafka novels as the basis for his security policy. I can only hope that this is not the type of democracy that President Bush is bringing to Iraq."

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